



**STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
250 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11788-5518**

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March 20, 2009

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Re: NYSDOT Response to EPA Request for Information Received February 18, 2009
EPA Letter Dated February 11, 2009
Request for Information Per CERCLA (42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675)
Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater Area
Garden City, Nassau County, N.Y.

This is in response to your February 11, 2009 letter, which was received by the NYS Department of Transportation/Long Island Region on February 18th, 2009 via Certified Mail, regarding a Request for Information Pursuant to a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601-9675) for the Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater Area located in Garden City, Nassau County, New York. What follows are the results and review of a diligent search by Regional and Main Office staff in response to "request for information" questions numbered 1 through 10. NYSDOT responses are based upon available information and belief unless otherwise specified.

EPA Question: 1

- New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

EPA Question: 2

- Commissioner Astrid C. Glynn
New York State Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, N. Y. 12332, 6th Floor

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EPA Question: 3

- NYSDOT does not have any leases, contracts, etc. with respect to Roosevelt Field.

EPA Question: 4

- According to all available information, NYSDOT did not acquire property for the construction of the Meadowbrook State Parkway (MSP). The MSP was constructed by the Jones Beach State Parkway Authority. Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) for the MSP was acquired by the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation. You may contact the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation for additional information as follows:

Commissioner Carol Ash
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
Empire State Plaza, Agency 1
Albany, New York 12238

EPA Question: 5

- NYSDOT was formed in 1967. NYSDOT acquired property, circa 1989, along Old Country Road and along Glen Cove Road for an intersection improvement project under PIN 0750.77/Contract No. D252715 (OCR Project). This improvement was not part of the original construction of the MSP.
- NYSDOT has a R.O.W. Plan for the Acquisitions along Old Country Road and Glen Cove Road relating to the OCR Project. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Survey Data.*
- NYSDOT has R.O.W. Acquisition Maps for property acquired along Old Country and Glen Cove Road for the OCR Project. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Survey Data.*
- Also refer to EPA Questions 4, 6, 7, 8, and/or 9 for further information with regard to Roosevelt Field and the OCR Project.

EPA Question: 6

- NYSDOT never utilized any features at Roosevelt Field for its use and, therefore, has no records pertaining to Roosevelt Field.
- NYSDOT has a maintenance facility at 925 Stewart Ave., Garden City, but is unsure if the facility is within the site boundary. *A map showing the maintenance facility's general location has been provided under the Enclosure for Transportation Maintenance Data.*
- NYSDOT received As-Built Plans for the MSP that were prepared by the Jones Beach State Parkway Authority. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Survey Data.*
- NYSDOT prepared a Set of Plans for the OCR Project. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Survey Data.*
- NYS Highway Work Permit Application: 03-268 (MSP Exit Ramp)
The Town of Hempstead Department of Water - Roosevelt Field Water District submitted a permit to NYSDOT which involved electrical installation and excavation activities along the MSP ramp. The permit application was reviewed, but a permit

was not issued because the applicant did not follow through. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Traffic Highway Permit Data.*

- NYS Highway Work Permit Application: 98-319 (MSP Exit Ramps)
The Town of Hempstead, Dept. of Conservation and Waterways submitted a permit to the NYSDOT to conduct a traffic study for the Roosevelt Field Mall. The permit was reviewed and approved, but a permit was not issued because the applicant did not follow through. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Traffic Highway Permit Data.*

EPA Question: 7

- A search of the on-line New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Site Remediation Database for Nassau County was reviewed on March 6, 2009 and identified the subject site (130051 - Old Roosevelt Air Field Hangar Site), but made no reference to NYSDOT. Contact the NYSDEC for further information on these Remediation sites, as noted below. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Environmental Data.*
- A search of the on-line NYSDEC spill list/record (available from 1978 through February 18, 2009) was reviewed for spills involving NYSDOT in the general area. Contact the NYSDEC for further information on the Spills and Remediation records, as noted below. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Environmental Data.*
- An environmental report for the Old Country Road project was prepared (circa 1989). A diligent search of NYSDOT files failed to reveal any records. You may contact the NYSDEC for further information with regard to sites on their lists per items a. through h.:

Commissioner Peter Grannis
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Executive Offices, 625 Broadway
Albany New York 12207

EPA Question: 8

- The MSP was not built by NYSDOT, and the Department is not aware of past practices for other state agencies or authorities. NYSDOT construction activities generally do not involve TCE or PCE, including the OCR Project.

EPA Question: 9

- The NYSDOT environmental files had included sections of a report for a Generic Environmental Impact Statement titled "Proposed Planned Unit Development district and Roosevelt Center Master Plan" dated February 1991 and prepared for the Town of Hempstead Town Board. NYSDOT did not prepare this report and is submitting the attached material for reference. *This information has been provided under the Enclosures for Environmental Data.* You may contact the Town of Hempstead for further information:

Town Supervisor Kate Murray
Hempstead Town Hall
One Washington Street
Hempstead, NY 11550

- Old Country Road is owned by Nassau County. For further information, you may contact:
Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi
One West Street, Mineola
New York 11501
- NYSDOT compiled all records it possesses which respond to this request, with the information being submitted for reference. NYSDOT is not in a position to speculate as to the utility of any such records as the records speak for themselves.

EPA Question: 10

- NYSDOT staff has prepared the answers to the request for information. Contact NYSDOT's Division of Legal Affairs, Keith D. Martin, AICP, Associate Attorney, at 518.457.2411 for further information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OLD ROOSEVELT FIELD CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER AREA SITE

State of NEW YORK

County of SUFFOLK:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar^① with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that I believe that the submitted information is true^②, accurate^②, and complete^②, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic^② unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that I am under a continuing obligation to supplement my response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or my response thereto should become known or available to me.

① I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPILATION OF AVAILABLE ~~THE~~ DOCUMENTS, BUT AM NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH CONTENTS IN THE DOCUMENTS.

② ALL SUBMITTED INFORMATION ~~HAS~~ BEEN GATHERED FROM EXISTING DEPARTMENT FILES. HOWEVER, I CANNOT CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE ALL TRUE, ACCURATE, COMPLETE AND AUTHENTIC.

S. CHAKRABORTI
NAME (print or type)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, R-10
TITLE (print or type)

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this
20 day of March, 2009

DONNA FORMICA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01FO6073631
Qualified in Suffolk County
My Commission Expires April 22, 20 10

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Notary Public